A list of wealthy Evangelical ministers from 20th century ordered chronologically by their peak financial era.

1. Aimee Semple McPherson (Peak: 1925)

Sister Aimee was a media pioneer, utilizing radio to build her Los Angeles-based Foursquare Gospel Church. By the mid-1920s, she had built a massive international empire, though her reputation was later marred by a bizarre kidnapping scandal.

- **Historical Peak:** $1.25 million (Estimated personal and closely held property in 1925)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$21.8 million

2. William Branham (Peak: 1965)

A highly influential post-WWII healing evangelist, Branham commanded massive crowds globally. After his sudden death in a car accident, documents revealed the substantial liquid assets he had accumulated.

- **Historical Peak:** $3.24 million (Cash and liquid assets at his death in 1965)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$34.3 million

3. Rex Humbard (Peak: 1973)

One of the first pastors to successfully utilize national television syndication, Humbard built the 5,000-seat Cathedral of Tomorrow in Ohio. His enterprise expanded to include an office complex, a girdle factory, and an entire college.

- **Historical Peak:** $10 million (Estimated personal and corporate holdings in 1973)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$75.2 million

4. Kathryn Kuhlman (Peak: 1976)

Kuhlman traveled the globe holding massive "healing crusades" and ran a highly successful syndicated television show. Upon her death, her followers were shocked to learn her considerable fortune was left to personal friends rather than her foundation.

- **Historical Peak:** $2.26 million (Personal estate value in 1976)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$13.3 million

5. Reverend Ike / Frederick Eikerenkoetter (Peak: 1976)

Reverend Ike was the pioneer of the "prosperity gospel," unapologetically preaching that God wanted his followers to be wealthy. He famously joked about his fleet of 16 Rolls Royces and explicitly solicited funds to support his lavish lifestyle.

- **Historical Peak:** $5 million (Estimated personal net worth in 1976)

- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$29.3 million

6. Oral Roberts (Peak: 1985)

Roberts transitioned from tent revivals to a massive media empire, eventually founding Oral Roberts University and the $150 million City of Faith medical center. While his organization was worth roughly $500 million at its peak, his personal effective wealth was deeply intertwined with his corporate control.

- **Historical Peak:** $50 million (Estimated effective personal control/wealth in 1985)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$155 million

7. Jimmy Swaggart (Peak: 1987)

Before a high-profile scandal shattered his empire in the late 1980s, Swaggart was the undisputed king of televangelism. His Baton Rouge-based ministry was generating $142 million annually, funding a 12-acre personal estate and an intensely luxurious lifestyle.

- **Historical Peak:** $40 million (Estimated personal net worth in 1987)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$117 million

8. Billy Graham (Peak: 1995)

Graham was perhaps the most famous Christian evangelist in history, holding global crusades and advising multiple U.S. presidents. Though he lived modestly compared to televangelists and paid himself a standard salary, his massive book royalties and media rights generated significant personal wealth over his 70-year career.

- **Historical Peak:** $25 million (Estimated personal net worth by the late 1990s)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$50 million

9. Pat Robertson (Peak: 1997)

The founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and the host of *The 700 Club*, Robertson leveraged his ministry into a genuine corporate media empire. His greatest personal financial windfall occurred just prior to the 21st century when his holding company sold The Family Channel to Fox Broadcasting.

- **Historical Peak:** $227 million (Personal net realized from the 1997 sale)
- **2026 Equivalent:** ~$450 million